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**Clarification of Statistics and Terms Used in the National Economy
of the USSR - A Statistical Compilation**

Regarding the foreign trade section which appears on pages 223-224
(p. 217 of original Russian text) of subject publication, the following
clarifications are requested:

1. What is the basis of the presented percentage figures? Current
ruble values? Constant ruble values?
2. What are the absolute values for total imports and exports?
For comparing exports to imports the percentage figures are meaningless
without such absolute figures.
3. Do data include reimports and/or reexports?
4. Do data include reparations deliveries to the USSR?

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